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answers to your questions about sex and relationships

factoid You can purchase 100 condoms for \$12.99 at the Campus Health Pharmacy.

Q. What is the age of consent?

A. The age of consent in Arizona is 18, but varies between states. Consent means to freely give permission to an individual to do something. It cannot be given under coercion, mental disorder, influence of drugs/alcohol, or while asleep. So, in Arizona, 18 is the minimum age someone can give permission for you to have sex with them. Know the law. Feigning ignorance does not fly.

Q. Is oral sex (without consent) considered rape?

A. The short answer is yes. Without consent, oral sexual contact (aka oral sex) is considered rape or sexual assault. According to Arizona State Law, sexual assault is when someone intentionally engages in sex through penetration or by oral sexual contact with the penis, vulva, or anus with anyone who does not consent. For more Arizona info visit web.arizona.edu/~oasis or www.sacasa.org.

Q. What percent of people in the general population get sexually assaulted?

A. Did you know that more than half of sexual assaults are not reported (to the police/law enforcement)? Reported cases reveal that 44% of rape victims are under 18 and that 80% are under 30. One in six women and one in 33 men are victims of sexual assault in their lifetimes. Two-thirds of sexual assaults are committed by someone the victim knows such as a boyfriend or an acquaintance. To learn more, visit the Rape Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN) website at <http://www.rainn.org> or call the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1-800-656-HOPE.

Report sexual assault by contacting one of the following resources:

- **Oasis Program for Sexual Assault & Relationship Violence (part of Campus Health Service).** Dial 626-2051 to make a confidential report of on- and off-campus incidences of sexual assault and to meet with an Oasis counselor. Counselors are trained to support victims of assault, harassment, stalking, and other similar incidences.
- **UAPD.** Call UAPD at 621-8273 to make an appointment with an officer and to discuss a possible follow-up investigation. Reports are kept confidential unless you press charges. If you press charges, the accused has the right to know who is accusing them of a crime.
- **Tucson Police Department.** Dial 911 if the assault just occurred or call 791-4444 if it was more than 24 hours ago.

Have a question? Send it to sextalk@email.arizona.edu



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